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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 8255

VICTORIA FOR AMBASSADOR LE MELLE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, KE
SUBJ: MADARAKA DAY FESTIVITIES UNEVENTFUL

1. ANNUAL MADARAKA DAY FESTIVITIES JUNE 1 WERE LARGELY
UNNOTEWORTHY. PRESIDENT KENYATTA MADE EXCEEDINGLY BRIEF
ADDRESS TOUCHING ON VARIETY OF HIS TRADITIONAL THEMES.
ONLY REFERENCE TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY KENYATTA WAS
ASSERTION THAT KENYA RESPECTED OTHER NATIONS' TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY IN HOPE THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD THUS RESPECT
KENYA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

2. KENYATTA HELD UP REMARKABLE WELL UNDER WHAT WAS GRUELING
DAY-LONG PROGRAM INVOLVING MORNING PARADE AND SPEECH AND
AFTERNOON GARDEN PARTY. CHARGE AND OTHERS PRESENT FOUND HIM
ALERT THROUGHOUT.

3. RECENTLY ARRIVED F-5S MADE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE
IN MADARAKA DAY CEREMONIAL FLY-BY. GROUP OF 4 FLEW IN
FORMATION OVER PRESIDENTIAL DIAS AT UHURU PARK.
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DECISION TO SHOW OFF F-5S WAS TAKEN MAY 31 WHEN IT BECAME
CLEAR THAT ONLY TWO HAWKER HUNTERS COULD BE MADE
FLIGHT READY FOR JUNE 1 FESTIVITIES.
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